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Pride in Barry gives thumbs-down to the new Waterfront plans

PRIDE IN BARRY says it will back the Vale Council if it decides to reject the new proposals for the Waterfront area.

Last week, the GEM told how the face of the town could be transformed over the next decade, if a £250 million plan submitted by a housing consortium was given the green light.

The chairman of Pride in Barry, Mr Paul Haley, said: "Pride in Barry has set out for some time its views on high quality design and build for the later phases at the Waterfront.

"This proposal sees West Pond and South Quay filled with rows of uninspiring parallel houses.

"We do not believe this will enhance Barry at all, and does not make the best use of the location and aspirations we all have for our town. We will encourage and support the council if it takes a view that this does not represent a quality development and rejects these proposals."

The Barry Waterfront Consortium comprises Persimmon Homes, Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes, and its proposals include a new link road to Barry Island; a waterfront café quarter; a waterside open space and park areas; retail space and around 2,000 new homes with both private and affordable housing.

The consortium said that over the decade-long construction period, 2,000 jobs would be created, and 500 jobs thereafter.

Mr Haley also highlighted what he believes is a flaw in the way the plans have been presented by the consortium.

**REPORT by
TIM CHAPMAN**

He explained: "We have serious concerns over the potential misrepresentation that is being presented to the public.

The public exhibition and the autumn newsletter issued by the consortium all contain graphic illustrations of the Waterfront, with sailing boats, yachts and marina moorings.

"This is a wonderful aspiration which is potentially misleading Barrians. The consortium are in no position to make this happen.

"They do not own the Mole, which they show a marina as stemming from, and they are not developing the £20million locking mechanisms to enable boats to enter and exit the Waterfront.

"The Welsh Assembly Government has not come forward with any regeneration funding, despite Pride in Barry's campaign last year.

"Perhaps the consortium should put up the £20 million for the lock development, or stop using these images and misleading references in their promotional material."

DESIGN QUALITY

Mr Haley went on: "We further question the apparent loss of the Barry Island overflow car park, which seems at odds with the likelihood of a new road to Barry Island bringing more visitors and traffic.

"We cannot see any need for another supermarket within 300 metres of Morrison's, other than to balance the consortium's

books." Mr Haley added that when Pride in Barry members met, they were disappointed with the proposals, which they felt lacked design quality and imaginative use of land, and the organisation was calling on the council to reject them.

There was a mixed response from local politicians on the plans.

The Vale's MP, John Smith, welcomed them and cited a connection with the St Athan Defence Technical College as a means of giving the town a major economic boost.

Mr Smith explained: "Having campaigned for many years for the removal of the old storage tanks which paved the way for the re-development of the remaining land at the Number One Dock, I welcome these plans, which could deliver more jobs, affordable housing and the right mix of amenities for local people.

"These plans could help the town of Barry capture the spending power of the thousands of people who will train and work at the £12billion Defence Technical College in St.Athan, as well as their friends and families.

"As the main gateway to the Vale, I want Barry to get the lion's share of the opportunities created by the St.Athan project.

"That's why I believe the road network serving Barry and the Vale must be improved to maximise the benefits of this record investment."

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'A thank you to Marie Curie hospice' Jude and Rebecca's China walk in memory of Brian

A MOTHER and daughter from Barry are to walk part of the Great Wall of China in a few days time to raise money for Marie Curie in Penarth – a charity dear to their hearts because of the help it gave their family last year.

Mum, Jude Harvey, aged 45, explained: "My father Brian Westall died last year on May 9, at the age of 70, and we are doing the walk in his memory.

"He had tremendous support from Marie Curie nurses, who helped to sort him out with home visits and medication, and then when he went to the hospice."

"The eight-day walk takes us back towards a part of the wall visited by tourists."

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Jude added: "Our Christmas present to each other last year was a treadmill machine to prepare ourselves!"

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appreciating the fantastic jobs that Marie Curie staff carry out each day for families all over the world."

Brian, who was originally from Barry, lived in Rhoose and worked for many years as a lecturer at Barry College.

The family believe he may have contracted cancer after working with asbestos at the docks.

On September 12, Jude and Rebecca fly out to Beijing.

Jude said: "We then have a three-hour drive to a part of the Great Wall of China that is away from the tourist area."

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£5,000 and hope the Vale Davies Estate Agents, H & H Build and Crefft Kitchens.

Jude added: "If anyone would like to sponsor us, they can do so by visiting our fundraising website at www.justgiving.com/harveytrek or by post at 6, Spencer Street, Barry, CF62 8DW."

'Flying Vet' Maurice Kirk faces further assessment



Maurice Kirk
and listened to the defendant, I'm satisfied there's no alternative but to execute the order."

The court heard that Mr Kirk had already had a 28-day assessment by psychiatrists, but they wanted another 28 days to carry out further assessment and he was again remanded to the Caswell Clinic.

Judge Christopher John Vosper QC ruled: "Having read the report

sell it without authority.

A day earlier, on June 24, he had been released on bail by Barry magistrates.

However, the prosecution appealed against this at Cardiff Crown Court and he was then remanded in custody at Cardiff prison.

Mr Kirk, whose home is at St Donats, has elected to conduct his own defence to the charges.

He claims he had been locked up because he is involved in a long-running dispute with South Wales Police and its Chief Constable Barbara Wilding, and that he has not been allowed to apply for bail in order to prepare his case.

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'Two wrongs do not make a right...'

IN response to Coun Rob Curtis' letter in The GEM expressing his dislike of female-only (party) shortlists, I am in complete agreement with his views.

Rob Curtis is entirely right in saying that female-only shortlists exclude the best persons for the job, that they are themselves discriminatory, and that two wrongs do not make a right.

I used to vote Labour, but after the Blair-Brown years of deception and attacks on our freedom, it is extremely unlikely that I would ever vote Labour again.

Had that not been the case, this discrimination of a female-only (Vale) shortlist would have been, on its own, a strong incentive for me to not vote Labour.

I shall be looking to Labour not winning in the forthcoming election, even if it means holding my nose and voting Tory, for I do not particularly like the Tories either.

**Marc Delaney,
Barry**

Tories' stance on link road

IWOULD like to respond to nationalist accusations of 'flip-flopping' on transport in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Welsh Conservatives have long been committed to major road improvements in the Vale; however, we have remained opposed to the destruction of rural villages such as Wenvoe and Pendoylan by building a new link road.

The Government's long-awaited decision was a great disappointment to residents across the Vale, because it represents a missed opportunity to address chronic congestion in Dinas Powys and Culverhouse Cross.

It is a bit rich for Plaid to talk of honesty when they were distributing a leaflet at the Vale Show claiming they came joint first in Wales in the recent European elections.

In fact, Plaid came third, trailing Labour and well behind the Conservatives, who beat Labour for the first time.

**Andrew RT Davies, AM
(Assembly Member for South Wales Central)**

'CHECK THE ST ATHAN WEBSITE'

ISEE a website has been made for the St Athan development and in it they rightly say that people know little about it.

I urge all residents to look at this – a firing range and an outside assault course will affect people for miles.

When I attended the 'consultation' at St Athan in 2006, there were six people there.

In Llantwit Major, there were about 25 (Llantwit alone has about 12,000 people).

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Call for public inquiry on the MoD training college

KEPPING the Defence Training College development within the St Athan site boundary ('within the wire') is quite feasible – but WAG's grand plans and land purchases were based on winning both Packages One and Two.

Once Package Two was dropped and Package One scaled down to 2,500 on-site trainees (max); WAG could have omitted the peripheral road and avoided developing the western green fields.

Yet the WAG planners at the 'consultative' exhibitions showed themselves wedded to the grander scheme and to spending an extra £10 - 20 million of public money.

They refused to consider restricting development to within the wire, using the short access at

West Camp as Ann Barnaby and STAG propose (GEM letter, August 27).

Under Environmental Impact Assessment law, the Vale Council planners could have required them to supply full information on this option. But Gordon Kemp's welcome to the applications as council leader effectively told them to make the ride easy.

The substantial housing and road developments outside the wire are a serious departure from the existing development plan (UDP) and could be said to "significantly prejudice" the UDP by reason of scale, nature or location.

WAG could, therefore, call it in for a public inquiry, but being developers could hardly decide this fairly.

By rights, the Vale Council might defer a decision pending the new development plan (LDP) passing through its consultation

and inquiry processes.

Seeing a decision is more urgent, the public are entitled to have this major departure called in for public inquiry under the Planning Inspectorate.

Certainly, one can argue "planning issues of more than local importance", with possible "wide effects" and "substantial controversy" beyond the immediate locality and even "issues of national security". These are all points in the official Planning Policy Wales.

There's a challenge to people who are undecided or support the Training College in principle – would you also in fairness support the right for objectors and alternatives to be heard at a public inquiry under the planning inspectorate?

**Max Wallis,
M&V & Vale Friends of the Earth)**

No lovely day tomorrow for Merchant Navy heroes

ONCE again – last week in Morrisons – we had the annual RAF charity exhibition; don't get me wrong, the RAF played a wonderful part in World War Two – but Barry is a Merchant Navy town.

Let me ask a question: Which service suffered the greatest proportion of casualties in the last world war?

Most people will answer "The Royal Air Force – either 'The Few' – or possibly Bomber Command".

They would be wrong!

One service lost one man in three of all who took part. That service was the Merchant Navy. Most were lost on the Atlantic convoys; keeping Britain fed and ensuring our very survival.

Winston Churchill said: "The only thing that frightened me in WW2 was the U-boat peril. The Battle of the Atlantic was the dominating factor all through the war. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere, on land at sea or in the air depended on its outcome".

When Mrs Stiff mourned the loss of her three sons, Charles, William and Joseph – aged 16, 19 and 21 in the 18 months between September 1940 and March 1942, their wages stopped on the day their ship was sunk. No pension, no bands, no recognition.

Elsie Stiffe could turn on the radio and Vera Lynn might sing 'We'll Meet Again' – but they would not. For Elsie it would never be 'A Lovely Day Tomorrow'.

The Stiff surname also died. The people of Barry should make sure that their memory does not.

**David Simpson,
Barry**

A thank you from greyhound group

THANKS go to residents and visitors to Cowbridge, who recently supported Greyhound Welfare at our street collection and Meet the Greyhounds event in Cowbridge.

The street collection raised a total of £311.40, including generous gifts from local supporters, which will help to meet vets' fees and kennelling costs before rescued dogs are found homes.

On the first Sunday of the month, we walk with our greyhounds at Cosmeston Lakes. All are welcome to come along.

For further information, telephone 01446 750663.

**John Richfield, St Athan
(Voluntary helper)**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
10 Thur	10.54	13.7	23.16	13.3
11 Fri	11.33	13.1	23.53	12.5
12 Sat			12.19	12.3
13 Sun	01.01	12.0	13.37	12.2
14 Mon	02.26	11.9	15.15	12.0
15 Tues	03.59	12.2	16.43	12.8
16 Wed	05.26	13.2	17.51	13.9
17 Thur	06.26	14.2	18.38	14.8

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'GIVE US A BREAK!'

Holton Road shop owner's appeal over business rates

A SHOP owner on Holton Road has called on the Vale Council to ease the burden on hard-pressed local businesses.

On August 20, The GEM highlighted a shock survey by the British Property Federation which showed that between June, 2008 and June, 2009, the shop vacancy rate in the town had shot up from 1.88 per cent to 10.3 per cent.

Victoria Minchinton, who owns Big Divas, a fashion shop for the larger lady, said: "It is time the council gave local businesses a helping hand."

"I pay council tax of £107 a week for 52 weeks of the year. It is more than my rent each week!"

"Surviving in the present climate is very difficult. I think the council tax should be halved for smaller businesses to give people a helping hand."

"A friend of mine had a clothes shop at the bottom of Holton Road and a few weeks ago she was forced to shut."

Victoria did try to reduce the amount she has to pay by putting her case to the Valuation Tribunal Service for

Wales on March 19. "Unfortunately, they said the rateable value was as it should be."

"In recent months, there have been a number of shops that have closed, and I'm worried there could be more."

Clive Teague, of the Vale Council, said: "The council acknowledges the difficulties that businesses are facing in a time of financial recession."

"The council allows businesses to pay rates by instalments to ease the burden over the financial year and always tries to make a reasonable repayment plan with its rate payers if they are having

difficulty. New measures introduced on August 28 2009 by the Welsh Assembly Government will allow qualifying businesses to defer 60 per cent of this year's annual increase over the next two years."

"Details of the scheme are available on the Vale Council website under 'business support'."

"The vacancy rate is different in each town served by the Vale of Glamorgan due to local circumstances."

"Rate payers may appeal against their rateable value to the Valuation Office Agency."

Jill makes history at the Barry Rotary Club

BARRY Rotary Club has welcomed its first woman member, Jill Osborne a supply teacher working in primary and special needs schools.

She is also branch leader of All Saints Barry Mothers Union and member of Barry Floral Society.

President Don Carsley said that the Rotary Club of Barry was chartered in 1937.

Initially a male organisation, Rotary had for some years been opened to lady members, and Barry in particular had made many attempts to encourage ladies to join.

He went on: "Jill is no stranger to



ABOVE:
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the work of Rotary, her father being a former Rotarian, and Jill in her younger days was a member of Rotaract, a part of Rotary for the younger generation.

"It is hoped that Jill will be the first of many ladies to join the club."

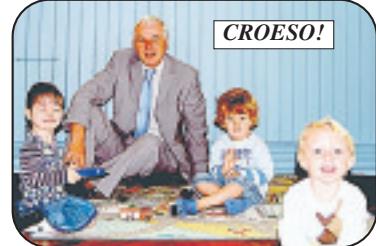
Youths sought after church statue damaged

PENARTH police are hunting a group of teenagers, following damage to a marble statue in the grounds of St Mary's Catholic Church, Edith Road, Dinas Powys.

A police spokesman reported that between 9.40pm-10pm on Saturday, September 5, seven males aged between 16-18 years old were seen drinking in the church grounds.

After damaging the statue, they fled in the direction of the lanes at the rear of Elm Grove and Cardiff Road.

Dinas Powys Neighbourhood PCSO Michelle Griffiths commented: "I would appeal to anyone with information to contact me at Penarth police station on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."



Cylch Meithrin opens door at Dinas Powys

THE new Welsh language nursery in Dinas Powys, welcomed regional AM and local resident Chris Franks during the 'Cylch Meithrin' opening day at the Methodist Church.

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Drop-in centre's 10th birthday cake

LABOUR councillors for Casteland ward, Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake have congratulated residents, volunteers and paid staff on the 10th anniversary of the drop-in centre at Dunlin Court, Avian Community Business and Thompson Street fun day, by donating a celebration cake.

Coun Chris Elmore said: "Pam and I would like to congratulate all the residents



and volunteers who have worked so hard over the years in making sure Fun Day runs so smoothly and this year was no exception, it was a great day."

Volunteers and paid staff with Coun Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake and the donated birthday cake.

Buzz as young movie-makers collect award

STUDENTS attending workshops run by Barry-based film company Lily Pad Films have shown off their movie making skills after scooping top awards at the International Youth Film Festival at The Hub in Barry.

Students Zoe Williams, Ellie Herbert, Tomos Gapper, Jade Williams, Stephanie Ralton, Courtney Rowlands, Josh Cole, Nicola Rogers, Lyndsey

Rogers, Emily Carter, Ethan Baker, Alex Knill and Aaron Cumper created a sci-fi romp exploring the dangers of the competitive world.

The young people named their film *Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!* and scooped the best international student film award during the festival. This film also won first place in its age category at the Zoom, Young Filmmakers Awards back in January this year.

Bronwyn Ellis, Matthew Leon, Jasmine Williams, Ethan Gwyn and Ellen Bowen also created a satire film based on media health scares, which was set in a post apocalyptic school called *The Message*.

The students walked away from the festival with the prestigious award for the best UK short film.

The students prizes were awarded by Boyd Clack, who recently appeared with Fay Dunaway in the horror film *Flick*.

AUDREY JACKSON

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Cardboard insects and coloured pots brighten up the sensory garden!

A LOT has happened at the Sensory Garden in Thompson Street, Barry, recently, beginning with a rail painting day.

Craft tables were set up. Staff and volunteers created a number of bird feeders, insect homes, cardboard insects and coloured pots for use in the garden. Manned by Sensory Garden volunteer staff Lorna Nichols, Sue Brine and husband and wife team Tanya and Matt Dee, numerous striking items were produced for display.

Courage for the Future (CFTF) a group of young adults who regularly meet and organise projects under the supervision of children and young people's co-ordinator Soraya Cordle were out in full force.

People were invited to sample the buffet that had been put together by volunteer Peter Phillips, Debbie Phillips and Audrey Jackson.

Beds were planted with a variety of flowers and shrubs, including: white and red geraniums, spiky tropical phormium, together with ferns, fuchsias, begonias and hebes, with a lot more to come in the future.

The raised beds will surround the centre-piece housing an authentic coal mining truck and rail track which will be filled with assorted foliage.

Still to come: the wall rendering, laying of the tarmac along with seats and further planting. We still have some work to do but are making steady progress.



Soroptimists hand cheque to Dyffryn Restoration Fund



MUSIC TO THEIR EARS!
The photo above shows Gerry receiving the cheque from president Iris, watched by club members.

ON a lovely summer's evening last June, the marquee in Dyffryn Gardens was the venue for a successful fundraising musical evening organised by members of Soroptimist International Barry and District.

On a recent more blustery evening, members returned for a tour of the gardens and a talk by Dyffryn project manager, Gerry Donovan, and head gardener, Alex Andrews, on the extensive work being carried out at Dyffryn to restore the gardens to their former glory.

Members were delighted to learn of the success of the restoration project to date, and look forward to returning in the future to witness the progress and enjoy this beautiful garden, which is right on our doorstep.

President Iris Hopkins took the opportunity to present Gerry with a cheque for £500, a donation to the Dyffryn Restoration Fund, this being a proportion of the proceeds of the fundraising event.

Members were pleased to learn that this money will be used to purchase replacement trees and plants.

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Remember a loved one on night walk.

THE Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth holds its annual Light up the Night walk at 7pm at Dyffryn Gardens on Friday, September 11.

Along the two mile candlelit route, entertainment includes a dramatic interpretation from local Barry man Dave Alexander, a magician as well as the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band and the Bow Street Strummers.

To register, call Claire on 02920 426068, email claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk or go along on the night to register.

Claire Notman, Community Fundraiser said: "This year we've noticed that not as many people as usual have

registered for the event and we think it may have something to do with the bad weather we've been having.

The Penarth Hospice still needs funds and this has been one of the most successful events over the years to help us continue our work for terminally ill cancer patients and their families.

"We are hoping to raise £10,000 from this year's event, which will go towards the specialist nursing care that is provided in the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth. It costs £3.9 million a year to run the 30 bedded hospice and we raise 70 per cent of this through donations and events just like this."

For more information, contact the fundraising office on 02920 426068.

Community Chest

MEMBERS of Cadoxton Bowls Club are set to reap the benefits of a cash investment into the health of the region as it has been announced that the Sports Council for Wales' Community Chest scheme is ploughing £400 into training for coaches.

Community Chest, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, is a National Lottery grant managed by the Sports Council for Wales and supported locally by the Vale Council.

Cadoxton Bowls Club has provided free weekly coaching sessions throughout the season.

Additionally, children from Palmerston Junior and Barry Boys Comprehensive Schools have enjoyed taster sessions during term time.

Counting the cost of park charges...

AM not surprised that Rhondda Cynon Taf police are being inundated with complaints from angry residents of Pontyclun about the parking in the village.

There always has been a problem, but this has become far worse since the Labour controlled Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, in their wisdom, decided to put

cash machines in the local car parks.

All they have succeeded in doing is alienating the residents and putting extra pressure on the police.

It might be interesting if the council published figures on the cost of cash machines and the revenue generated since charges started.

Mary Walker, Pontyclun

Barry photographic exhibition tests knowledge of town

BARRY Citizens' Action Group has organised a photographic exhibition which features images of people's favourite spots in the town.

The Best of Barry' is being held in the Community Room in Victoria Park (next to the warden's room) and runs every day of the week until Sunday, September 20.

It opens at 10am and runs each day until 4pm. Dilys Colbourne of the action group said: "We are also including a competition to test visi-

tors' knowledge of the town. Application forms are available from the park warden.

"The Vale Council and Barry Town Council have kindly donated prizes and a presentation will be made to the winners in the Town Mayor's chamber at 7.30pm on September 18.

"The prizes include an autographed book of Gavin and Stacey, a centenary book on Barry and a set of commemorative plates decorated with views of the town.

"There will be a special prize for youngsters up to the age of 16."

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The New Jerusalem Church Hall, Barry

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Kim Vidal on 07735 603625 or

E-Mail: c.franks@swales.wea.org.uk

First Garw Valley run for group's mini locomotive

RIGHT:

THIS was the scene in the Garw Valley recently when volunteers from the Barry Island Railway ran their 10.25 gauge locomotive at its new location for the first time.

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Dancers show their control, despite snags!

VIBE Experience and Motion Control organised a funday at Central Park to raise funds to send 16 dancers to the World Street Dance Championships in Blackpool over the August bank holiday weekend.

The dancers from YDance, who train at the YMCA Hub, also performed to a large audience on Barry Island Promenade, as part of the Vale summer events programme – despite technical problems!

The YDance groups, together with other projects from Motion Control dance programme such as the Splash summer scheme and Local Motion disability dance group, will perform from midday on September 6 at Barry Waterfront Festival.

For more information, contact Emma Mallam, Dance co-ordinator on 01446 733622 or emma@vibeexperience.com



Waterfront's future is examined

by TIM CHAPMAN

Continued from page 1

But Alun Cairns, the Tory parliamentary candidate, said he had reservations about the consortium's approach.

"I am sorry that the development consortium have not signed up to the vision the Local Authority outlined in their Principles document. This paper highlighted issues around quality and other matters important to the community.

"I also appreciate that the market has changed and that the recession is impacting the developer's plans but we still need to focus on quality."

"I hope the Welsh Assembly Government will take note of the change in the market and such difficulties when they consider the funding for Barry."

Mr Cairns said it was imperative that the correct plans were drawn up to avoid recriminations at a later date, adding: "I think it is better to spend time planning the right kind of development, rather than rushing ahead with something that the community is unhappy about."

Dr Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru candidate

for the Vale of Glamorgan, gave a cautious welcome to the plans.

"The crucial issue for the Waterfront is the development of leisure and tourism facilities for the people of Barry and surrounding areas.

"However, this development cannot be taken into consideration on its own and must go hand-in-hand with improvements to Barry Island, as part of a greater plan to revitalise tourism in Barry.

"This is why Plaid Cymru local councillors, Nic Hodges and Steffan Wiliam, have long called for a second road to the Island across the south of the town.

"This is very important to the area and a proper access road must be built as a priority in any Waterfront development, better linking the Island with the Waterfront, centre of town and Cardiff."

Dr Johnson added a note of concern: "This development is one that is being planned by private housing companies whose first priority will be a return on their investment through the sale of houses.

"When they publish illustrations of the Waterfront showing a cinema and yachts we must decide how likely it is that these plans will come to fruition as they are shown to us now.

"Having waited so long for development on the Waterfront, we must ensure that we end up with something that really will benefit Barry and not just become another part of



An illustration of how the Barry Waterfront Consortium imagines the docks area in the future.

town overloaded with houses and without the leisure facilities that we need."

Richard Keogh, the spokesperson for the Barry Waterfront Consortium, said: "It is disappointing that the Pride in Barry group has not previously discussed their concerns with us, particularly during the public consultation period.

"We have now made contact with the group and will be meeting with them in the near future to talk through the plans in more detail.

"We would like to highlight that these proposals represent significant private investment in Barry at a time when many similar regeneration schemes have been put on hold, due to the difficult economic conditions.

"The proposals will bring many benefits to the local area and for the people of Barry, including the creation of around 2,000 jobs over the 10 year construction period and approximately 500 jobs once completed.

"Over the last two

years we have worked to come up with a scheme of the highest standard. The Design

Commission for Wales,

set up to champion the design of high quality built environments, has reviewed and expressed support for our plans in terms of design, site layout and use of land."

Mr Keogh went on:

"The inclusion of a supermarket is key to the success of the proposals, as it will enhance other commercial interest in the scheme and encourage those elements that have been highlighted as a priority for local people at an early phase of development, such as the link road and the cafe quarter.

"The Vale Council's retail consultants also support the consumer need for an additional supermarket in Barry, close to the town centre.

"The consortium alone cannot make the regeneration of the Mole and the marina happen, but it is committed to progressing this waterside vision alongside the Welsh

Assembly Government, the Vale Council and Associated British Ports.

"The artist impressions included in the recent newsletter are reflective of the long-term aspirations that the consortium has for the site - to establish it as a place where people want to live, work and spend their leisure time."

He added: "The majority of feedback received by the consortium last weekend when we displayed the new plans at the Barry Waterfront Tall Ship Festival were extremely positive, as were the comments received during the two-day public exhibition held earlier this summer.

"The feedback we have received demonstrates that there is a large amount of support for the scheme amongst local residents in Barry, who agree with the proposed mix of uses – more than 70 per cent – and who share our aims and aspirations for the future of the Waterfront."

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Remember the Vale's defences?

I AM researching the Second World War anti-invasion defences that were established in the Vale of Glamorgan, with the intention of writing a journal article for the Llantwit Major Local History Society.

With its vulnerable beaches and airfields, the Vale was considered to be at enhanced risk from a German invasion, and a network of defensive structures was built, including pillboxes, anti-tank obstacles and weapon emplacements.

The majority now appear to have been cleared away. I would be delighted to hear from any of your readers who can offer information and photographs concerning these structures and the units – both regular and Home Guard – that manned them.

I would be particularly grateful if anyone can shed light on the nature of the defences built on the Vale's beaches and whether there was a pillbox outside St Athan post office.

Jonathan Berry,

St Athan

'Change the rules on all-women lists'

I WOULD like to support my colleague Coun Rob Curtis with his comments in The GEM about the use of all-women shortlists by Labour in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The continued use of all-women shortlists is a clear case of sexual discrimination. I can fully understand and appreciate why we need more women in politics but this way of doing it this

way is far from ideal.

In fact, this cannot be allowed to continue, as I believe it contradicts the Labour party policy of aiming to promote equality of opportunity.

I am one of the many Labour Party members who are totally opposed to the imposition of all-women shortlists.

I am critical of the policy, because I believe all people should have equal opportunities and selected, preferably on merit and not gender. It

I WAS disappointed and saddened to read comments made by Malcolm and Christine, ex landlords of the Blacksmiths Arms, Llanmaes.

On behalf of a number of residents of

Llanmaes, I would like to comment as follows: The key to a successful business is to know your customers and then deliver a service that meets their requirements.

The Blacksmiths Arms is a business and there are plenty of pub businesses in the Vale providing an excellent service.

Many events were introduced and organised by residents at the Blacksmiths Arms including quiz nights, music evenings, best

kept village dinner, senior citizens dinner, Easter bunny event, to name a few – but it is also necessary for the landlords to be innovative and responsive to villagers' needs to encourage them to come back on a regular basis.

Much has been made of comments made by residents and their requests, but these I believe have been taken out of context.

Pubs these days need to provide an extra dimension to attract customers, use the village

website, change the menu, welcome customers, provide excellent service, and generate new ideas. The pub owners also need to be more flexible to help landlords to develop businesses.

We wish Malcolm and Christine the best of luck in their next chosen venture and hope they can reflect on their time at the Blacksmiths Arms.

Perhaps lessons can be learnt from this experience.

David Harris,

Llanmaes

'SAVE OUR CINEMA!'

THE last two shop units to the side of the Theatre Royal cinema, Barry, have moved to new locations in the town.

It is now approaching 18 months since the cinema closure and still an air of mystery hangs over its future, though current rumours suggest a redevelopment of the site (yet more residential use?).

Opened in 1910, the cinema has been a landmark in the town, providing film entertainment for many generations. Why is it being allowed to deteriorate when interest has been shown to try and progress its reopening?

Many years ago, an eight-screen multiplex was being looked at for the former Barry Island holiday camp site, which did not come to fruition and any future planned multiplex is not necessarily guaranteed.

The Theatre Royal is a much-needed facility and if allowed to be redeveloped it could mean any hope of Barry having its own cinema being lost forever.

Therefore, with any redevelopment planning application being proposed, consideration has to reflect the need for this cinema, which is ideally located to provide films for all ages within the community.

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Council outlaws sun beds and hits out at critics

CRITICISM that the Vale Council delayed in removing sun beds from its leisure centres has been refuted by the cabinet member responsible, Coun Anthony Ernest.

Last month, the leading doctors' union in Wales, BMA Cymru Wales, claimed the council appeared to be dragging its feet over the removal of sunbeds from its leisure centres, in the pursuit of profit.

In May, a Vale scrutiny committee had recommended in a report to the cabinet that the sunbeds should be removed.

BMA Welsh secretary Dr Richard Lewis said: "I am grateful that the dangers of using sunbeds have been recognised by the scrutiny committee, but I can only put the delay in taking action down to the finance the sun beds generate for the council."

But last week, following a Vale Council decision to outlaw sun beds in leisure centres, Coun Ernest put the council's position.

He said: "Despite unfounded criticism from some who have not checked their facts correctly, not least the BMA in Wales, I actually instigated moves to have sun beds removed earlier this summer, and instructed officers to prepare an appropriate report to both cabinet and scrutiny committee.

"It does take a short period for these reports to appear before elected members, and I wanted to make sure that those making the decision to remove sunbeds had as much factual information before them as possible.

"During this period, we had received new evidence from the Lancet Oncology, and I was also aware that the Welsh Assembly Government had commissioned a separate enquiry into sun beds.

"Bearing in mind that the council does not meet during the month of August, this week's cabinet meeting

was the first possible opportunity that had to present the report, and it was accepted without debate.

"In addition, we are calling on the Welsh Assembly Government to implement a blanket ban on all sun beds throughout Wales, and no doubt the BMA and others will be prepared to support that view as well.

"Allegations that the council was only interested in 'profit' are just mischief making, and completely miss the point that the Vale of Glamorgan is a top achieving leisure authority in Wales."

Regional AM Chris Franks welcomed the decision by the Vale cabinet to remove the sun beds from the leisure centres in Penarth, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Barry.

He said: "I am glad that the Conservative cabinet has finally seen sense. However, Plaid's public safety campaign will continue."

Mr Franks explained that his original concern had been caused by the case of a teenager who had been burned by a sun bed which was operated outside the control of the local authority and the Welsh Government.

"I wrote to the council regarding sun bed policy and enforcement, after the awful case of a 14-year-old girl from Barry who suffered 70 per cent burns to her body in a coin-operated unstaffed sunbed salon.

"These unsupervised and unstaffed salons are dangerous, but at present the Welsh government is unable to do anything about it. It cannot be acceptable that the law allows for a situation that results in a young child suffering 70 per cent burns.

"The Scottish government already has these powers and new laws will come into force there in December. Plaid asked the Welsh Health Minister Edwina Hart to request the powers so that we can change the laws to protect our children from these dangers."

Merchant Navy branch highlights convoy article

THE Merchant Navy Association's Barry branch is grateful to The GEM for publishing Dr Jonathan Hicks' article about the convoys of World War Two last week.

The young sailor in Dr Hicks' story, Peter Bayon, now 82, lives in Cowbridge. The 'Gripfast', his ship, was a small collier, just over 1,000 tons.

She left Barry, with coal, on July 7, 1942, in the eastbound coastal convoy WP-183, escorted by the destroyer Brocklesby.

It was in Lyme Bay between Dartmouth and Portland when the 2nd S-Flotilla with 7 E-boats attacked shortly after midnight on July 9, 1942.

Four ships were sunk in that attack but, as Peter says, it was a bomber which sank 'Gripfast' some hours later. Dr Hicks chose a year that will live in the memory of all who took part in the Battle of the Atlantic. In that one year alone, 1,107 Merchant ships were lost in – that is three ships lost on every single day in 1942!

With an average of at least 40 men in a crew it means that, in one year, 50,000 seamen were on a ship that was sunk. These facts help us to

understand how Barry came to lose a greater proportion of its seamen than any other port and how Mrs. Stiff, of 75 Thompson Street, could lose three sons – 16, 19 and 21, in the space of 16 months.

Winston Churchill certainly understood:

"The only thing that really frightened me during the World War Two was the U-boat peril. The Battle of the Atlantic was the dominating factor all through the war. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere, on land at sea or in the air depended on its outcome."

In times past, the Lutine Bell at Lloyds was rung whenever a ship was overdue. In 1942, the bell would have been ringing day and night.

People often ask: "Which service suffered the greatest proportion of casualties in the last world war?"

Most people would say, the Royal Air Force; either 'The Few' – or possibly Bomber Command? They would be wrong!

One service lost one man in three of all who took part. There were 24,000 deaths inflicted on those serving in the Merchant Navy and most were on Atlantic con-

voys. Those men kept Britain fed and ensured our survival.

It was not a competition, of course; thousands of men were lost in the air, on land and at sea and thousands of families were bereaved.

We can sometimes show our respect as we watch the young soldiers, naval sailors and airmen as they march past and some relief can be found if there is a white cross where a flower can be laid.

For Mrs Stiff, and thousands of British mothers, there was nowhere she could mourn or lay a flower.

My picture (right) is of an unknown merchant seaman. He was one of the lucky ones.

DAVID SIMPSON



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

Development in Conservation Areas

Application No: 2009/00844/FUL
Proposal: Erection of free standing, single storey, timber framed, glazed conservatory
Location: Stalcourt House, Stalcourt Close, Llanblethian
Conservation Area: Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No: 2009/00870/FUL
Proposal: To replace 1st floor conservatory with same as existing
Location: 4, Heol Y Gaer, The Knap, Barry
Conservation Area: Barry (Marine)

Application No: 2009/00880/FUL
Proposal: Two storey extension to rear of property and conservatory
Location: Littlewood Cottage, Wick Road, St. Brides Major
Conservation Area: St. Brides Major

Application No: 2009/00886/FUL
Proposal: First floor extension above existing single storey side extension
Location: 1, Maes y Felin, Llandow, Cowbridge
Conservation Area: Llandow

Listed Building Consent

Application No: 2009/00878/LBC
Proposal: Proposed conversion to 16 no. flats and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement
Location: Custom House, 41, Dock View Road, Barry
Listed Building: Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building

Application No: 2009/00879/FUL
Proposal: Proposed conversion to 16 new flats at Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry, and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement
Location: Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry
Listed Building: Affecting Former Customs House and Mercantile Marine Office, Station Street, Grade II

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest

Application No: 2009/00879/FUL
Proposal: Proposed conversion to 16 new flats at Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry, and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement
Location: Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry

Application No: 2009/00898/OUT
Proposal: Construction of a 12,000 bird free range egg production unit
Location: Tyn-y-Caeau Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow

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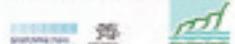
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Youngsters pal up with Igi, Tigi, Bip a Bop...

YOUNGSTERS at Gibbonsdown Children's Centre had an insight into the making of children's programmes when the S4C show for under-fives, Igi, Tigi, Bip a Bop, filmed an episode at the nursery.

The children were completely unfazed by the lights and cameras and threw themselves into their parts.

The nursery was chosen after the show filmed on Barry Island beach, and was looking for a place for the four characters to go back to school.

Manager Gill Munro said: "We were delighted to be chosen. The children were so well behaved and performed brilliantly.

"We are really looking forward to seeing the show when it is aired in the autumn.

"It was a fantastic experience for us all at the centre and certainly something completely different."



Sad loss

FOR the second time in less than a month, members of Barry Chess Club are mourning the loss of another dear friend and long standing member.

Bill Lambert had been associated with the club for more than 30 years and had served as club treasurer and captain on several teams.

Blessed with an infectious sense of humour and cheery disposition, Bill was a popular character who kept himself fit with many hobbies and interests apart from chess, and until recently his participation in such physical activities as badminton belied his age of 77.

KG

FoE backs council's St Athan inquiry call

REPRESENTATIVES of Barry and Vale of Friends of the Earth (FoE) last week visited Millands Park, Llanmaes to get first-hand information on the proposed northern access road and service family housing planned as part of the St Athan development.

They met local residents and Llanmaes community councillors.

As part of the Metrix plans, the main access road to both the Defence Technical College and the Aerospace Business park would cross green fields from the Llantwit Major bypass to the college entrance in Eglwys Brewis within a few metres of Millands Park.

Accommodation for service families is planned in the fields adjacent to this road, leading to a ribbon development linking Llantwit Major, Llanmaes and St Athan as one conurbation.

Llanmaes Community Council has submitted formal proposals for brown-field accommodation of these developments drawn up by local resident David Harris. It is understood that the Vale planning department has now asked Metrix for its views on these alternative proposals.

Much of the green-field site under threat is sub-



Local resident David Harris with Max Wallis and Keith Stockdale of FoE and councillor Tim Fowler alongside the site of the proposed Northern Access road and part of the proposed service family housing development.

ject to compulsory purchase orders to which Llanmaes Community Council and local residents have objected.

The proposals will be discussed by the planning committee of the Vale of Glamorgan Council on September 24, after a site visit by members of the committee.

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NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Any walk with a difference will attract people, as Janet and John found out recently when 26-ramblers turned out to accompany them on a trip up to Gloucester, which lies close to the Welsh border and adjacent to the River Severn.

The anticipation of the visit was to view the Severn Bore, which was expected at midday at Stonebench, a well-known viewing point beside the river.

The Severn River estuary becomes part of the Bristol Channel, which has the second largest tidal range in the world of just over 15 metres.

At certain times, the rising water is funnelled up the estuary into a wave that travels at speed upstream against the river current forming a huge wave or bore.

The arrival of the bore times are not an exact science as they can vary with the prevailing winds. On this occasion, with much anticipation, the bore finally arrived 20-minutes later than predicted, but most of the group agreed it was well



worth the wait.

The group followed the Severn Way beside the river and made their way to Llanthony Secunda Priory where they stopped for lunch.

The remains of this medieval Augustinian Priory date back to 1136, when the first Llanthony Priory near Abergavenny was seized by rebels, the fugitive prior and around 20-canons needed re-housing. So this land was donated by Miles of Gloucester and he led a civil war against King Stephen.

Refreshed, the group returned via Gloucester Dock, which is close to the city centre and is dominated by tall, massive and imposing red brick Victorian warehouses. Finally tearing themselves away, the group walked the final leg along the Gloucester to Sharpness Canal to return to their waiting

cars and the journey home.

On September 12, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk at Tintern - contact Roger on 01446 735733.

On September 13, (a change to the programme) meet 9am at Cogan for an eight-mile easy/moderate walk at Skenfrith and St Maughan's; contact Peter on 029 2070 6545.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk. Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD.

Lions spotted at Porthkerry family fun day

TWO of Wales' biggest rugby heroes delighted local fans at the Vale Council's sports and play family fun day at Porthkerry Park in Barry.

Cardiff Blues stars Martyn Williams and Gethin Jenkins, both recuperating from injury after this summer's Lions tour of South Africa, were at the park to show their support for the free event and encourage youngsters to get involved in the range of activities on offer.

The fun day, organised by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, in partnership with the council's parks department and arts development officer, was the climax of a fun-filled summer programme.



Local families were delighted to meet rugby stars Gethin Jenkins and Martyn Williams at the Vale Council's sports and play family fun day at Porthkerry Park.

Bonvilston church will be open for euro-heritage day

ST MARY'S CHURCH in Bonvilston is featured in this year's

'Open Doors days', taking place on weekends in September, as part of European Heritage Days, which invites local people and visitors to explore historic buildings and sites free of charge - especially those not normally open to the public.

St Mary's Church has joined in and will not be making an entry charge to view the church, which will be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays this month from 10am to 4pm.

Open Doors is co-ordinated by the Civic Trust for Wales, supported by Cadw, the historic environment service of the Welsh Assembly Government. There are parallel events in England and Scotland organised by the respective Civic Trusts.

The high spot of the Open Doors season this year will be a concert given in aid of the Marie Curie Hospice at Penarth. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to this deserving charity.

The concert takes place on the evening of Friday, September 18.

On Saturday, September 12, the church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival Eucharist on September 13 at 7pm.

Reverend Rachel Lewis (priest in charge) said: "I'm delighted that St Mary's Church has been able to open to the public in this way. This is a really special opportunity to see a part of Bonvilston's hidden heritage."

MAX AND PATCH NEED A HOME



Max and Patch.

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and are now much happier.

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Penarth - 6.30pm

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Rhoose - 6.30pm

Celtic Way Community Centre
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DISTRICT 9 IS DEFINITELY WORTH TAKING TIME TO VISIT

THE use of alien life to mirror the travails of minorities is hardly an original concept; after all, *Alien Nation* (both film and TV series) was keen to emphasise the parallels between aliens that had come to live among us and aliens of the human kind.

However, it didn't take it to the extreme that new film, *District 9*, has, setting up a world where aliens who have come to Johannesburg are forced to live in slum-like conditions and treated like second, or even third, class citizens.

When government agent Wikus (Sharlto Copley) is exposed to alien bio-technology with alarming side-effects, it causes changes that mean the stakes are raised not just for Wikus, but also for the aliens.

Let's face it, aliens that come to earth are seemingly only ever here to try and take us over, blow us to smithereens or to invade our bodies; so the set-up of *District 9*, while not completely

original, at least tries a different tack from the raft of other alien films that have popped up over the last 50 years.

The differences are more than just those on the surface, as at its heart, *District 9* goes far deeper than most, developing into a film that pays as much mind to action and special effects as it does social commentary and relevance.

Given the film's setting of Johannesburg, there is more than a hint of subtext regarding apartheid and its effects.

Showing faces of all colours complaining about the aliens living among them in a cordoned-off area has a peculiar effect, with the issues once faced by black people in South Africa now being projected onto another set of individuals.

While the subtext is more than apparent, the film doesn't push the parallels in your face, letting them simmer slowly at the back of your mind as you become enthralled in what is going on.

Beginning with footage of government agents in action dealing with the aliens, we meet Wikus, the key protagonist within the story.

It is a role wonderfully played by Sharlto Copley, a man who has never acted before, yet who carries the weight of the film on his shoulders with little trouble at all.

Copley's inexperience pays huge dividends, as it helps sell the 'reality' of the film. It is a performance that is thoroughly immersive, as he goes from being a single-minded official doing what he has been told is the best thing, to being on the outside looking in, capturing the essence of a man caught up in extraordinary circumstances.

By telling the story through the eyes of Wikus, story strands are revealed almost at the same time he learns about them, a ploy that pays off in spades by maintaining the tension and drama of the film.

Coming from the brain of Neill Blomkamp (who directed the *Citroen* commercial with the dancing car) it is a film that is indelibly visual yet with narrative weight.

On both directing (this is his feature film debut) and scripting duties, along with Terri Tatchell, Blomkamp delivers both a socially conscious film and action blockbuster

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

wrapped in one satisfying whole.

While the opening 20 minutes or so are a touch slow, with the focus mainly on how the aliens have moved into their present homes, and the human-like activities they have become embroiled in, once it kicks into gear it doesn't let up.

Using a mix of documentary-style footage, close-ups, hand-held camera shots and faux-news clips, Blomkamp sets up the story with skill and dedication, while his direction is exceptionally good.

Highlighting why he was first choice to helm videogame adaptation *Halo*, Blomkamp invests here for visceral action, but also shoots with a large degree of flair and originality; his lust for gore, meanwhile, is no doubt one of the many reasons he has received the patronage of *Lord of the Rings* director Peter Jackson (who produces here).

The film also deserves praise for its superbly subtle use of computer effects; from the alien spaceship that has hovered over the South African capital for more than 20 years, to the aliens themselves, the effects enrich and add to the story.

The sympathy you will feel for the alien known as 'Christopher Johnson' and his young son is a remarkable achievement, conveying so much through the use of effects.

There are issues to be had; the cutting from fake 'documentary' to normal jars ever so slightly, while Copley aside, the performances should come with a tin of Ronseal.

However, *District 9* is a film that is nothing short of magnificent, with a conclusion that tugs ever so slightly at the heart, and heralds Neill Blomkamp as a director to watch.

VERDICT - Engrossingly enjoyable, *District 9* is a wonderful mix of brains and brawn, with added resonance given its location and story.

A superb lead turn from Sharlto Copley and excellent direction from Neill Blomkamp make this more than just a sci-fi blockbuster - there is a deep intelligence lying within. Highly recommended.

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JAYNE ISAAC TAKES A STROLL THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE

the Maesteg trains passing through, which bring shoppers in from the Llynfi Valley.

In addition, the Vale of Glamorgan line terminates in Bridgend, carrying passengers from all along the track – including Barry and Llantwit Major.

Bridgend has changed considerably over the years, but all the regeneration work is now complete

and local residents are left with a town centre which has been freed from traffic, and which has been repaved and boasts new street furniture and lots of flowers.

Many of its fine old buildings have been restored to a high standard thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund. More properties are due to be upgraded this year using this fund-

ing. Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has worked with traders to make the town as attractive as possible and Bridgend Town Council has also played its part in paying for many of the flowers found in the town.

Bridgend has a compact town centre which is bounded by Cowbridge Road, Tremains Road, the

inner by-pass and the cross valley link.

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Within the town, there is a mix of chain stores and multiples on the one hand, and locally-owned businesses on the other.

The town's market is a very popular draw.

Bridgend offers a fine choice of shops selling clothes, shoes, jewellery, handbags and accessories, menswear, children's clothing and baby items.

There are a number of pharmacies offering cosmetics, beauty products, and similar items, while some fresh food shops survive, mainly in the market although there are some outside as well.

While the town has the inevitable mix of phone shops, card shops, estate agents and building societies, there are also some lovely little gift shops selling bric a brac and unusual items.

The revival in sewing and knitting is also catered for, with shops selling wool and fabrics, plus all the paraphernalia required for either hobby.

Bargain hunters can browse in the value shops, or go along to a good range of charity shops which offer quality goods at reasonable prices – the days of old tat in charity shops have long gone.

There are also good choices for services including hair and beauty salons and plenty of restaurants and cafes when shopping comes to an end and you need to sink gratefully into a comfortable chair to enjoy a glass of wine or a latte.

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There are some basic pieces of advice people should follow to avoid injury in the home.

Don't try and install heating systems – unless you are a properly qualified installer. Make contact with a professional heating engineer or expert who can give you the right advice for your home.

Even if you are buying a new house it is advisable to make sure the system is checked out before you start using it.

There are a number of heating systems that people use and, if you follow the tips provided, it should keep the people in your house safe and warm through the winter.

Solid fuel heating system uses wood or coal. If you are installing a unit don't choose a unit that is too large for your needs.

Select one that is appropriate to the size of the floor space you want to heat.

The unit should be properly positioned according to the manufacturer's specifications for correct clearance.

Make sure it is installed close to a chimney.

With electric heating you should bear in mind:

Curtains should not hang over an electric heater.

Electric portable heaters are designed to be used to supplement your main heating source. They are intended for smaller floor spaces.

Units must be properly maintained.

Frayed cords and loose plugs can cause fires so get a professional to attend to them.

Never use extension cords to run electric heaters or any major appliance.

Liquid fuel – oil-fired space heaters pose certain hazards which can be avoided.

Fuel must be stored in an approved container/tank.

Regular servicing by a qualified technician is necessary for the efficient and safe operation of your equipment.

Ventilation systems for oil-fuelled units

must be inspected frequently.

With gas fuelled systems the vents must be checked frequently to prevent blockage.

Portable gas heaters should never be installed in poorly ventilated areas.

Deadly carbon monoxide gases may build up in such areas.

A supply of fresh air is essential when operating a gas-fired unit.

Here are some tips that should keep you safe:

- Keep all heaters a safe distance from combustibles.

- Never hang clothing on, or near the heater to dry.

- Never place wet wood on top of a wood stove to dry.

- Keep your wood stored under cover in a dry, vented area.

- Second-hand appliances should be checked by a qualified person before use.

- Develop an emergency escape plan for your family, and practise it regularly.

- In case of fire, get out and stay out!

Keeping your house comfortable and cozy particularly during the winter months is important in any household.

Energy bills are one of the biggest expenses!

Insulating your walls and your loft will reap the biggest energy saving benefits overall, as this is where around half of your heat is lost.

There are also some simple money savers you should get started with.

Place foil along the back of a radiator – This reflects the heat away from the wall and instead back into the room rather than out of the house, so the heat stays where you want it to.

Draft excluders – you can purchase these inexpensively from a DIY shop.

Fit an insulating jacket on your boiler –

this helps to prevent heat escaping at the source of its generation, and instead reach the rest of your house as it should do.

A total 20 million households in Great Britain use gas to heat their homes, cook their food and provide hot water, and you should have your system checked once a year.

It is an idea to install an audible carbon monoxide alarm which warns of unsafe gas. They cost just £20 from DIY stores.

With the recent upsurge in demand for wood burning and multi-fuel stoves it is important to remember that regular maintenance is the key to safety and efficiency of the appliance.

Stoves and open-fires need to be swept before the heating season and inspected for any blockages along with the integrity of the chimney.

At the end of the heating season the chimney needs to be swept to remove soot and tar deposits, prolonging the life of the flue.

Regular maintenance of appliances has been proven not only to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning but also to ensure fuel efficiency hence reduction in fuel costs.

All maintenance works need to be carried out by either a registered sweep or a HETAS registered engineer.

Now is the time to make preparations to make sure your house is ready for winter.

- Make sure you are stocked up on logs for your wood burning stove.

- Make sure your chimney has had a good clean.

- Contact your coal suppliers to book a regular delivery.

- Make sure your boiler is checked out for the winter months ahead.

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Between 10am-6pm the gardens will host an antiques fair, an exhibition by the Vale of Glamorgan artists group and a display of vintage horticultural

equipment. There will also be an unusual plant fair on Sunday - a must for all budding plant collectors.

Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism, explained:

"This is an excellent chance to catch up on the ongoing restoration works or to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the gardens."

The weekend will also mark the start of Dyffryn's winter events programme, with the spectacular 'Light up the Night' beginning on October 23 and running every evening until November 1, and spooky Halloween activities taking place on the night of October 31.

Following the success of last year's event, Dyffryn will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the old restaurant of the house on the weekends of December 5, 6, 12 and 13, with Father Christmas dropping by on the last weekend.

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Waste Technical Services - Pontsarn Farm, Pontsarn Lane, Peterston-Super-Ely - variation of 2000/0128/FUL Condition No 2 to allow general Class B1 use.

Mrs Trigg - 1 Croft Gardens, Sully - renewal of application 2008/00870/TPO.

Mr and Mrs C Bowerman - rear of No 1, Dock Street, Cogan, Penarth - change of use from vacant commercial store to office/studio accommodation, including rebuilding of structurally unstable side elevation, as amendment to permission ref 2008/00153/FUL.

Miss Linda White - 20 Benecroft, The Hollies, Rhoose - retention of conservatory.

Bella Vista Care Home - Bella Vista Care Home, 106-108

Tynwydd Road, Barry - new single storey extension.

Mr Anthony Oakley - 1 Rector Cottages, Llandough, Cowbridge - single storey machine store extension to existing stable block.

Winchester Properties - former Emporium Garden Centre, Fferm Goch, Llangan, Cowbridge - residential development.

Seth Hill and Sons Limited - Pantyfynnon Quarry, Bonvilston - first periodic review of interim development order permission - sub-

mission for the determination of new planning conditions.

Mr James Davies - Prisk Farm, Prisk - rear conservatory.

Mrs Lisa Gates - Cartreglas Farm, Welsh St Donats - erection of garage.

Cemex UK Materials Ltd - Wenvon Quarry, Wenvon - proposed temporary establishment of a recycled aggregates facility.

Dr Robin Corkill - Whitefields Forge, Welsh St Donats - two storey side and front extension.

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GEM CHRISTMAS PARTY GUIDE

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When the Christmas party season comes, enjoy it, but look after your health too

WHEN the Christmas party season arrives, we all want to have fun, but how can we make sure it doesn't have a detrimental effect on our health?

NHS Direct

spokesperson Jacqui Jedrzejewski understands the toll of the party season.

She suggests making a few adjustments to your routine, to see you through those late nights, and early mornings.

Jacqui's tips
"Eating at regular

intervals, not skipping breakfast, and getting enough sleep, are good ways to help you maintain your energy levels.

"Choose foods that are digested slowly. Wholegrain rye bread, porridge, pasta, beans, lentils and noodles are good

by SARAH O'MEARA

choices and contain slow-release energy which may help prevent you from feeling lethargic during the day, after the night before."

Jacqui points out that the foods we turn to when we're hungover make us feel the worst.

"Foods that are high in sugar, such as chocolate, cakes, biscuits, and fizzy drinks, might give your body an instant energy rush when you eat and drink them... but, after the initial rush, your sugar levels will drop, and as they

fall, so will your energy levels.

"As a result, you may find it more difficult to concentrate or you may feel irritable and tired.

"Likewise, drinking too much caffeine, found in tea, coffee, and cola drinks, can leave you feeling anxious, and restless."

"None of which is good news for those planning to hit the office Christmas party with a bang.

Jacqui explains that while mince pies might taste nice, they don't contain everything you need to look drop, and as they

"There are essential nutrients that your body needs in order to work properly. Fruit and vegetables are rich in vitamins and minerals so you should eat at least five portions a day.

"Fats and sugars contain more energy than any other food group and so should make up the smallest part of your diet. Save them for special occasions.

"That way you can enjoy some treats, without the side effects."

Jacqui suggests that exercise will not only burn off those extra party pounds, but keep you in that fes-

tive mood: "If you exercise regularly, you will benefit from the feel-good factor that you get afterwards.

"This is due to a release of a chemical called serotonin within your brain.

Serotonin is your body's way of making you feel happier and less stressed.

"Don't drink too much – heavy drinking plays havoc with people's skin, liver and mental health.

"Who wants to be going to work with that queasy feeling in the stomach and a throbbing head?

Jacqui warns: "In terms of alcohol,

drinking a moderate amount is unlikely to do you any physical or psychological harm.

"For some people, though, social drinking can lead to heavier drinking, which can cause serious health problems.

"Department of Health guidelines state that men can drink between three and four units of alcohol per day without serious risk to health, and women two to three units.

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Book your office Christmas party now, and don't miss out on those priceless dance floor moments!

IT is just 105 days until Christmas Day and now is the time for your business to start thinking of where you want to go for the office party.

The summer nights are drawing in and it may be the last thing you want to think about, but venues across the Vale are fast filling up, as on-the-ball companies get the best nights and the best deals.

A major reason to book now is that many people want to book a Friday or Saturday night for the office 'do', so they can have a lie in the next day - delay too long and you'll miss out on

those prime evenings of the week.

And do you really want to be faced with a 'make do' restaurant or hotel just because you left it too late? After all, for many people the office party is the only time that they socialise with their work colleagues in the whole year, and let's be honest, it does have its attractions.

The beauty of going out with your work colleagues is that you see some of them in an entirely new light!

If there's a dance floor at your venue, you can bet that the 'shy' girl from accounts is suddenly the first up when the music starts - and is showing

some moves that would do Alesha Dixon proud on *Strictly Come Dancing*.

At the opposite end of the scale, there's the manager who, as the evening warms up, suddenly thinks he is John Travolta and decides it would be a crime for the world not to be treated to his 'talents' - a sight not to be missed, but not for the reasons he thinks! Assuming he is no longer in his 20s, it is a fair bet that a few drinks have given him delusions of youth, and he can't do what he used to do!

Come to think of it, if recent press photographs are accurate, John Travolta himself can't

do what he used to do either!

All this talk of social drinking, of course, comes with a serious side that shouldn't be forgotten.

No matter how many inhibitions we shed on the night, we all have to be sensible as well.

So, *The GEM's* advice is this - on the night of the party, DON'T drink and drive, and make sure you and any friends who live near you have ordered a taxi well in advance!

Dressing for the company party - why do women give themselves such a hard time?

HERE at The GEM, this year we have dispensed with one staple Christmas party guide feature.

You know the one. It is the one where a female fashion journalist goes on and on talking about what's in this year for the party season.

Sometimes it's all sparkles or spangles.

Sometimes it's ruffs and frills.

Sometimes it's cerise, or taupe, or burgundy. (Heaven forbid that she should suggest red or blue or yellow).

The piece will, of course, be

illustrated with photos of impossibly thin models - smiling on six-inch stilettos, waving cocktails and having a simply fantastic time!

All guaranteed to make the average woman just throw her hands up in despair.

And then, at the end of the piece, you get the same pay off line every year.

It goes something like: 'Don't forget girls. You just can't beat that little black dress!'

Now, this may be stating the absolute obvious, but men don't experience the same

agony of indecision.

At least not at the company do. We do a bit of agonising when meeting someone for the first time - wondering about making the right impression.

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December Dinner Menu
Kir Royale and canape reception
To Start

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Pressed ham hock, root vegetable terrine, garden plum chutney
Smoked Salmon roulade, crab cucumber salsa
Crisp pancetta and roast chestnut salad
Melon, sorbet, berry compote

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SAM'S DRAMATIC FIGHTBACK TO RETAIN GOLFING TITLE



Katie and Jack congratulating their mum, Sam.

THE championship final, held on Tuesday, August 11, between 2007 champion Helen Cook and last year's winner Sam Pascoe proved to be an enthralling encounter.

In the morning session, played in perfect weather and on a manicured course, Helen took an early lead and went two up going to the ninth.

On the back nine, continuing to play solid golf and winning a further four holes, Helen went in for lunch a comfortable six up.

At 1.30pm the match resumed, and over the next three hours, the following crowd, including the club president Peter Hayman and club captain Colin Lloyd, were treated to a thrilling battle.

On the fifth hole, still six down, Sam started her dramatic comeback – indeed, with three holes to play the match was all square.

Helen's superb tee shot on the 16th, landing within eight feet of the pin, put her back one up but Sam countered, winning the next.

Would the match reach a

conclusion on the 36th hole or would extra holes be needed? It was their third shot on the last that was to decide the match.

Spectators watched as Helen's ball held on the grass above the green, Sam's landing 10ft from the pin, giving her two putts to retain her title.

Diack final

ALSO well supported during the afternoon was the Diack final (for handicaps between 20-29) between Carole Bumford and Brenda Chick.

Carole was the first to settle and went three up on the front nine, and went on to win 6/4.

Dinner

AT the championship dinner held in the clubhouse later that evening, both Sam and Helen were generous in their praise of one another's play, acknowledging that the final had, indeed, been a match of two halves!

JP



Left to right: Runner-up Helen Cooke, club champion Sam Pascoe, lady captain Jo Hopkins, Diack winner Carole Bumford and runner-up Brenda Chick.

Dinas girls battle hard through tough competition

THE girls under-12s entries in Dinas Powys' first football festival were George Town, Margam, Sully, Caerphilly, and, of course, the hosts Dinas Powys – strong opposition throughout.

Dinas opened their tournament against Caerphilly who beat them on both occasions last season. The game didn't start well, going 1-0 down after just a minute, but the Dinas Powys team quickly took control of the game and overpowered Caerphilly 4-1.

The equalising goal was scored by Ellie Wenger and Ella Hatherill went on to score a hat-trick with a fine display in midfield.

Dinas Powys' second game was against Georgetown, arguably the strongest team last year, beating Dinas 8-0 and 8-4 in the league.

The Dinas girls battled relentlessly against strong opposition but narrowly lost 1-0. A testament to just how much

improvement they have made since last year. Well done.

Dinas Powys' third game was against Sully. The Dinas team quickly took control of the game with some fine attacking from Gwen Davies and Emily Hill.

Dinas took the lead before half-time with an excellent strike from Kelsey Murray. Not to be outdone Emily Hill went on a superb solo run to blast a second into the top right hand corner of the goal, giving the Sully keeper no chance.

The Dinas team were always comfortably in control and the score remained 2-0.

Dinas Powys' last game of the group stages was against Margam, another very strong side. This was without doubt one of the finest all-round displays the Dinas team have ever produced.

Their passing and defending left no doubt as to what the result would be. After constant pressure, Dinas finally got their reward with a fine goal from Kelsey Murray, her second of the tournament.

The second goal of the

Cadoxton cling to top of the tree

CADOXTON Barry FC, under the stewardship of manager Haydn Stait, remain top of the South Wales Division Two league after three matches, but only on goal difference after drawing their game 2-2 against Cascade at Jenner Park on Friday night.

The goalscorers for the home side were Jerome Martyn and Karl Steel.

The Cadoxton Barry FC B team, with manager Richard Rogers, played the Glenbrook at Bryn-y-don on Saturday, beating them 3-6 in their first game of the season.

Manager Dave Eveleigh's Cadoxton Barry FC A side were not so lucky, going down 2-1 in their first match to old rivals Master Mariner.

A change in defence to start the second half saw the Huskies go on a

The sun shines on bowls finals day

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club held its finals day on Saturday.

The competitions began at 10am and went on all day until 7pm. Highlights of the day were the two club championships matches for the ladies and gents titles.

The ladies game was between Margaret Lalonde and Beryl Holmes. The match started with Beryl taking an early lead and went ahead 7-5 after eight ends.

The game then changed and Margaret scored 10 shots over the next six ends to lead 7-15. It was at this point that Beryl changed the game and introduced short jacks, scoring 17 shots over the remaining seven ends to win the match 24-17 and the ladies title.

The men's match was between Dave Wright and Alan Bryan. The game started well with both players covering the jack throughout as if they owned it.

Dave began the game by taking an early lead with Alan not far behind. However, it was after 13 ends that the

battle royal really started with the score at 12-14 to Dave.

Alan took the lead on the 16th end, Dave regained it, Alan drew level on the 18th but could not prevent Dave winning the match 18-21 – and the men's title.

Other results: **Ladies 4 Wood Pairs** – winners: D Liscombe and M Newman, runners-up: J Coles and B Freeman.

Ladies Novices Trophy – winner: R Goldsmith, runner-up: J Clarke. **Ladies Handicap** – winner: P Cogbill, runner-up: N Goodrich.

Ladies 2 Wood singles – winner: B Freeman, runner-up: D Liscombe.

Mens 4 Wood Pairs – winners: G Cogbill and H Jones, runners-up: D Bannister and M Newman.

Mens Mottram Cup – winner: M Doyle, runner-up: A Burge.

Mens 2 Wood singles – winner: K Clements, runner-up: A Bryan.

Mens handicap – winner: D Wright, runner-up: A Freeman.

Mens Tim Evans Trophy – winner: H Jones, runner-up: C Green.

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Huskies' Seconds off to early season flyer

BARRY Huskies started their pre season preparations last week with the new second team playing the Abergavenny Hurricanes.

This was the first outing for the new team and coach Mark Cooper, and was formed as the club has had an influx of new players over the summer. The team was made up of a number of last season's first team squad members, together with some new recruits.

The Huskies started with Juan Roderick, Nick Mobey, Jake Hollings, Lloyd Davies and 16-year-old Lee Booker, and were visibly nervous at the start.

However, a strong performance from Davies settled the nerves and ensured that the Huskies finished the quarter 18-10 up.

The second quarter was much the same – Davies, Hollings and James French scoring the majority of the team's points. Huskies went into the half 36-30 up.

A change in defence to start the second half saw the Huskies go on a

15-3 run, Davies and Hollings again dominating the scoring.

The Hurricanes' offence suffered from the Huskies great team defence and couldn't stop the strong running from the Huskies' front court.

At the end of the quarter, the Huskies were leading 62-37.

The fourth quarter saw coach Cooper run his bench. It took a few minutes for the new players to get into the game, but after settling down, the scoring and team defence continued, with the Huskies running out 80-50 winners.

Coach Cooper said afterwards: "This team provides an opportunity for players to develop and move into the first team. As long as we stay together, we will be successful."

Next up for the Huskies is a first team friendly against Cardiff Capitals at Barry Leisure Centre on Tuesday, September 15 at 8pm.

Further club details can be found at www.barryhuskies.net or the team's facebook page, Barry Huskies Basketball Club.

ELLIOT THOMAS

Under-8s entertain the Blues crowd in clash with Tigers



BARRY RFC under-8s had a great start to the new season when they were invited to play during half time of the Cardiff Blues versus Leicester Tigers on August 21.

The team were really excited to be playing during the first-ever rugby match to be played at the new Cardiff City Stadium.

Barry played Beddau in what proved to be a very exciting game, with the 15,000 strong crowd getting right behind the teams.

Barry won the game 2-1 with fantastic tries by Harry and Sam.

If anyone is interested in playing tag rugby, we train every Sunday morning 10am-11.30am at Barry RFC, Reservoir Fields, Barry.

If you would like more information please contact Nikki on 07723 600964.

Barry squad: Sam, Harry, Dafydd, Morgan E, Kaci, Daniel P, Daniel J, Joel, Louis, Lewis, Max, Jay, Rhys, Conor, Morgan V, Jake, Rhian and Mason.

Flyers take the title

THE annual Barry Dockers Club summer skittles finals took place on Sunday, August 30, with four teams fighting for the £1,000 first prize.

The Tyny Flyers beat The Tumbles in the first semi final, and in the second, The Legends defeated The Red Admirals.

In a gripping final, The Legends beat the Tyny Flyers by five pins to win £1,000 first prize.

Thanks to all the teams who took part and thanks to Inn House Automatics for their sponsorship.

To register interest in next years competition, contact John Hill@Dockersbluebirds@hotmail.co.uk. JH

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB LATEST RESULTS

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:

First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 67.19 per cent. Second, Kay Dyer and Denis Mottram 61.46 per cent. Third, Noelle Bond and Mick Green 55.73 per cent.

Irene and Graham also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale and for more information, ring 01446 733425.

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Out and About with The GEM

Invite to join the National Trust group

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members which promotes the work of the National Trust, will hold trust members to share common interests and to promote social activities making membership more enjoyable.

The first meeting of the autumn season at 7.30pm on September 16 in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, the talk will be on the 18th century house and walled garden at Llanerchaeron.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 582.

- £2000: 558409. ● £500: 692755 ● £100: 474894.
- £50: 825639. ● £10: 514046, 330493, 748998, 226867, 300640, 689719, 865101, 526823, 811308, 636048, 108817, 469711, 182733, 161721, 346490, 432425, 104958, 602688, 877113, 478779.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Sporting chance for young

YOUNG people who attend out of school clubs in the Vale will soon have the chance to enjoy playing extra sports after Clybiau Plant Cymru teamed up with the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team.

Twenty staff from Clybiau Plant Cymru boosted their sporting knowledge after receiving Dragon Sport training at the Colcot Sports Centre in Barry, and are now fully equipped to add athletics to the range of activities on offer for local children.

You can find out more about Dragon Sport in the Vale by calling 01446 704820 or by going online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/dragonsports

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St Donat's photo exhibition for The GEM's Glyn

GEM photographer Glyn Evans' exhibition 'From Penarth to Porthcawl' runs until September 24 at the Gallery in St Donat's Arts Centre.

Glyn said: "The theme behind the exhibition is the stunning landscape of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast and the activities that take place along and near it.

"It features photographs of the coast and nearby countryside – windsurfers, lifeguards, horseracing, point-to-point, polo – a host of images that emphasises what makes our local landscape so special."

In his work as a GEM photographer, Glyn has compiled an unrivalled archive of photographs which chronicle the day to day activities of people who live from Penarth all the way across the Vale to Porthcawl, Bridgend and Maesteg.

Pencoed surgery

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies will be holding a surgery in Pencoed on the morning of September 24, by appointment only.

For further information, contact his office and advice centre on 01656 737777.

GEM wordsearch winner

THE winner of our recent wordsearch was M Matthews of Barry, who won £25 cash.

Keep reading for further GEM competitions!

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This year there will be antiques and collectables in the whole of the marquee and education block. Entrance is free.

Alpha course

A NEW Alpha Course is starting today (September 10), at Zoar Church, Bonvilston (signposted on A48 near Abrey Arms).

It runs from 9.30pm-9pm. There is no charge for registration.

Further information is available on 01443 237499.

Vale on the road

RESIDENTS in the Barry area will have the opportunity to quiz Vale Council Cabinet members at Barry Memorial Hall, on September 12, between 10am-1pm.

The cabinet members will be at Rhoose Community Hall and Penarth Paget Rooms on October 17 and October 31 respectively.

SCOPE community action group award

SCOPE community action group, in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, recently won the group category in the Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards.

To celebrate, the Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams invited members of SCOPE for a visit to the Mayor's parlour and tour of the Central Library.

Rescue boat championships

WALES' first-ever

Rescue Boat

Championships will be held at Barry Island on September 12-13.

The event is being hosted by the Surf Life Saving Association of Wales, in partnership with the Vale Council, at Whitmore Bay beach, Barry Island, in front of the St John's Ambulance/lifeguards' clubhouse.

Spectators can watch the competition for free at the beach or promenade from 10am.

Diabetes group

DIABETES UK Cymru's Vale of Glamorgan Voluntary Group meets on September 15, in the board room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, at 7.30pm.

Members will hear a talk by Rosemarie Harris on Diabetic Retinopathy. For further information about the group, telephone 01446 746639.

Kidney Wales

KIDNEY Wales Foundation's Penarth branch, is visiting Warwick Castle on Saturday, September 19, at 1pm. Course fees are reduced for people on state pensions or state benefits.

Thursday, September 17.

Transport leaves Barry (Morrisons) at 7.45am and All Saints Church, Penarth at 8am.

If interested, please telephone Heather on 029 2070 5308; or Paula on 029 2070 1209.

Giant Veg championship

THE Llanharry giant vegetable championship will be held at Elm Road, Llanharry, on Saturday, September 19, at 1pm. Entrance is 50p.

For further information contact Gail Wintle (show secretary) on 07976 935223.

Global debate

A 10-WEEK evening course by the Workers Education Association's Barry branch entitled 'Global warning: the challenge for all of us, starts on September 23, at 7pm, in Barry Boys Comprehensive School.

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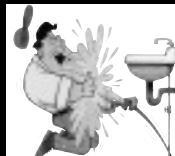
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Geoffrey Paul

The family of the late Geoffrey Paul Rees would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and for all the cards, messages, letters, flowers and other acts of kindness shown to us during this sad time.

Geoff was a loving and devoted husband, father, father-in-law and grandpa. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Special thanks go to Dr Anna Foreman and Dr Rosemary Kavanagh for their care. We also wish to thank the Rev John Webber and Curate Rev Dr John Njoroge for the beautiful service at the church and crematorium. We extend our gratitude to Mr W James & Sons Funeral Directors for their guidance and sensitive handling of the arrangements.

God bless you, Geoff.
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MAGNAY David

David, of Cowbridge, passed away peacefully after a short illness on Thursday September 3. Beloved husband of Georgina, father of Claire, Andrew and Kate, grandfather of Samuel, Emma, Jonathan and Thomas. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Penmon. Funeral Wednesday September 16, Service 1.45pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Bridgemen Road, Penarth.

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Wanderers Seconds lose, but celebrate championship win

IN what has been a hugely successful season on the field, Barry Wanderers Second XI travelled to Bridgend for their final league fixture, safe in the knowledge that they were champions.

Skipper Barnes gathered his troops in a huddle and gave a rousing speech about playing for pride.

Bridgend's Second XI ex-captain P Cadogan pummelled the Wanderers' bowlers all around the park.

Without Cadogan scoring 145 out of 217-8, the Bridgend total would have been somewhat less! Ashton, taking his 40th wicket of a magnificent campaign and Pathak bowled well as the Wanderers plugged away to the end with good ground fielding.

The Wanderers knew it would be a tough ask, but throughout the season they have showed battling qualities



which enabled them to be champions, and with Thomas scoring a dogged 32 and Pathak (62) batting well at the other end, the target was on for a while.

However, once these two were removed by the evergreen Morgan it was game over.

The teams departed to the bar for well-earned drinks and both celebrated, with the Wanderers finishing champions and Bridgend finishing second.

Barry Wanderers lost by 67 runs.

Barry Wanderers Dock View Auto Centre man-of-the-match - Dev Pathak.

ANDY FENTON

COTTRELL LADIES ENJOY FINE DAY WITH GUESTS

COTTRELL PARK ladies member and guests day included a team Stableford competition.

The winning team of member Helen Poole and her guests Nan Thomas (Glamorganshire) and Delyth Thomas (Wenvoe), enjoyed a very good score of 88 points. Member Toots Plant and guests Sally Ward (Rolls of Monmouth) and Moyra Ward (St Pierre) were second with 80 points.

Nearest the pin was won by the vice-captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell. The longest drive, below 26 handicap, was won by Miriam Hassan (Southendown) and 26 and above handicap, was



Captain Margaret Thomas with Helen Poole and guests.

won by Marian Hale (Cottrell Park).

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Cottrell juniors win league after crucial derby victory

COTTRELL Juniors played their final match of the season at Cottrell Park on the Button Course, against a very able, and competitive, Brynhill team.

The boys who played knew that they could win the league if they won two of the three matches, and drew the other, to beat Caerphilly, an excellent team this year, by just the one point.

Nerves abounded, and even though some of them didn't show it, their play showed just how nervous they actually were.

The teams of Will Hoggett and Huw Williams, Gavin Magnier and Keiron Harman, Peter Williams and Tom Cater, with Kyle Harman and Dewi Harris as the reserve pairing, put everything into this last game.

Will and Huw got off to a flying start, going four up after the first few holes, but

then dropped to one under, and fluctuated around that all the way through to the 16th.

The other two matches

were extremely close, but

then Peter and Tom, having

shown some atrocious putting

in places, relaxed, started to

enjoy playing, and won their

match three and two.

This gave the other teams a little

impetus, and took some of

the pressure off them. Will

and Huw won their match on

the 18th, going into it all

square, but the Brynhill drive

went awry into the trees, and

left them to clear up that

hole.

All that meant Gavin and Keiron had to halve their match and they teed off on the 18th all square, with everyone from both teams watching the whole season resting on this hole!

Gavin had a three-foot putt to halve the hole and get the point needed to win the league- what pressure for this 16 year old! He did it, much

to the relief of all involved.

The team now goes on to play the regional finals at Craigiau in September.

Thanks must go to the junior organiser, Mr Morgan Thomas, for his dedication throughout the year, who

unfortunately was in Russia,

but who did manage to speak to all the boys later that afternoon to congratulate them.

Thanks also to Kevin Magnier and Pam Harris for getting the team ready for this achievement.

ESTHER MAGEE



Athletic under-9s in Newport tournament test

ON a Friday afternoon Barry Athletic under-9s travelled to Newport to take part in their final tournament of the season. It was nice for the lads to experience facing different opposition in Ebbw Vale and Newport A.

Barry took the honours quite comfortably against Ebbw Vale, the highlights being a couple of fours from Sion Spence, a first ball wicket for Evan Wells, some good

Newport bowlers.

Calvin Fahiya took advantage of any poor bowling by

way of dispatching four fours

in one over and, with a big six

hit from Saul

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winners' final was a

different story and maybe tea

bowling from Joel Merrick, Iliis-Robertson, this gave Barry time was calling the Barry a very good score.

Newport, chasing 250 to win, knew they had to get runs on the board and they were happy to play some big shots.

As the saying goes 'catches win matches' and once again Sam Hopkins and Rhys Woolmer were among the catches.

A fantastic run out by Calvin Fahiya helped Barry to take the honours in a well-fought match.

The winners' final was a

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Man-of-the-match was

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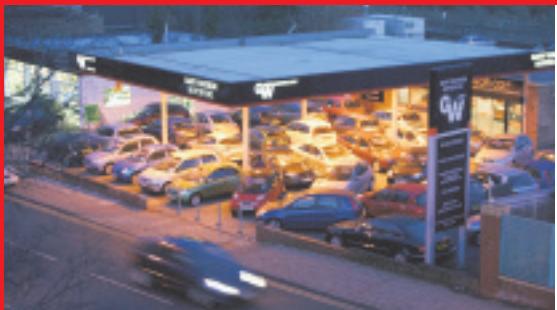
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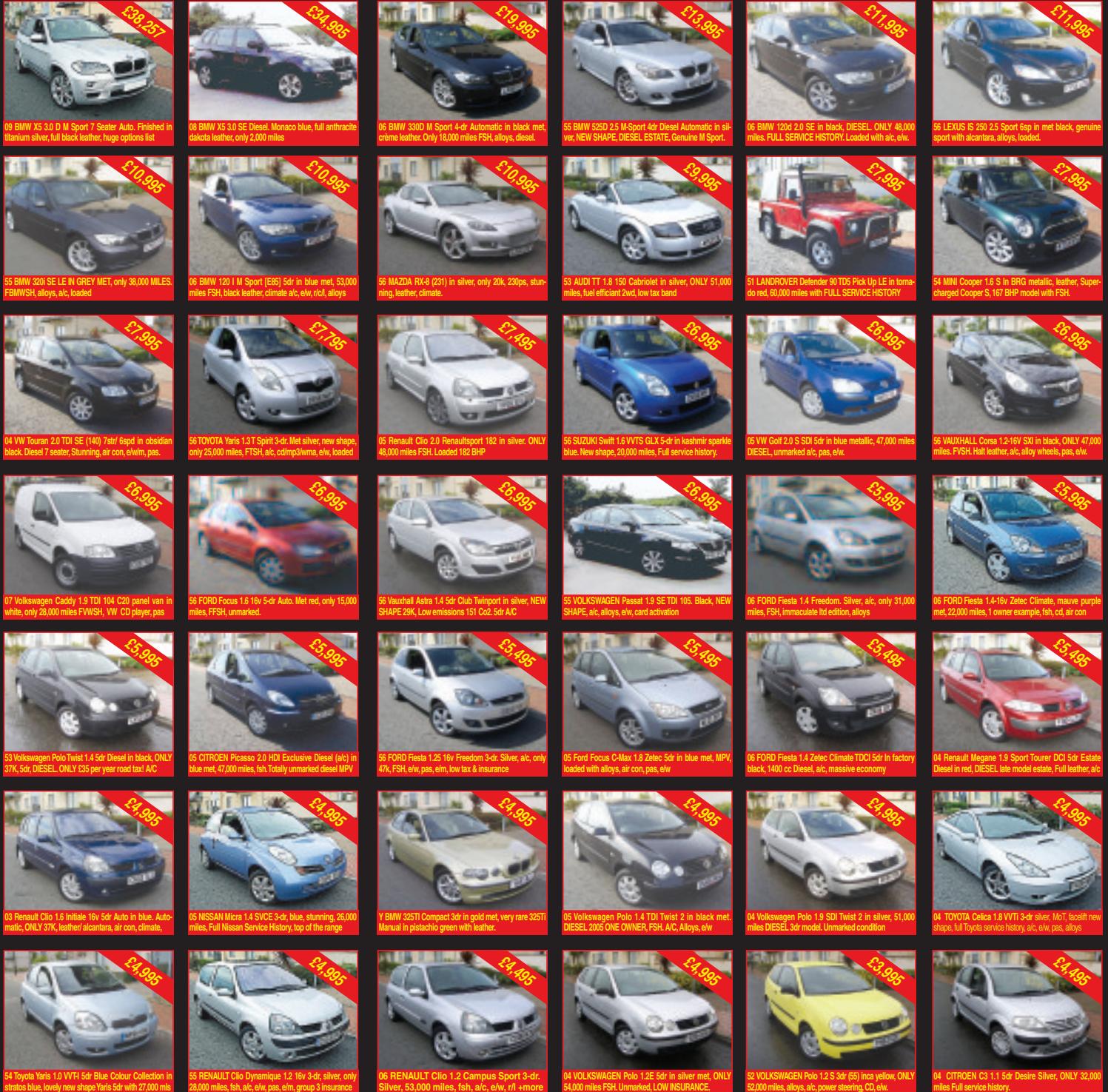
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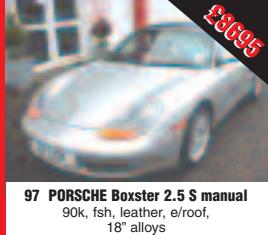
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Dinas Powys outclassed by Aberaman's possession game

ABERAMAN came to The Murch in second position but Dinas pushed them all the way and almost got a point.

The visitors started the game well with forwards Jonathan Kift and Barry Gunstone looking strong and the Dinas defence held out well.

They were caught out in the 20th minute when a corner was cleared and fell to an Aberaman player who immediately crossed the ball for Barry Gunstone to rifle in from 20 yards.

The visitors continued to have the majority of possession with Kift's overhead kick and Tom Ramasut's effort off-target.

The centre-half pairing of

WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE	
DINAS POWYS	1
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Owain Adams and Josh Reffell coped well against the visiting attack with young Reffell in particular playing well, but with the Dinas midfield not firing on all cylinders few chances were created in the first-half.

Dinas came out in the second-half looking for the equaliser but were knocked back after just four minutes when Gunstone's cross found Steve Edwards in acres of space at the far post and he headed in from just five yards to double the lead.

On the plus side Jacob Ruduson was doing well on his debut starting at full-back

but moving forward into midfield for the last half-hour. He helped to push Dinas forward.

Gareth Williams in the visitors' goal did well to parry Liam Beattie's fierce shot and gathered at the second attempt. When Tony Wallis got the better of his marker, his cross was met by substitute Calvin McClaggon but his shot was charged down with the crowd appealing for hand-ball.

The home side thought they had got a goal back when Liam Beattie rose above the defence to head in at the far post, only for the

referee to blow for a foul on the keeper.

A few minutes before the end they did get the goal their never-say-die efforts deserved. Jacob Ruduson powered his way into the area and was brought down. The referee immediately pointed to the spot and Ricki Morgan stepped up to convert.

Despite their efforts Dinas could not get the equaliser in the short time remaining.

This result took Aberaman to the top of the table and this Saturday Dinas look forward to a trip to Hay St Marys in the first round of the Welsh Cup (kick off 2:30pm).

For a full list of fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk.

MORLEY WILLIAMS

Kristian's the champ!

KRISTIAN HARRIS became Barry Athletic's Club Champion of 2009 in a thrilling singles final at Barry Island on Sunday afternoon.

Playing the holder, Geoff Whittaker, in a repeat of last season's final, Kristian got his revenge by snatching a 21-18 victory after Geoff had been poised

to retain his crown by holding three shots for the match.

Young Kristian kept his nerve at a crucial stage of the final and picked up vital shots at the close to lift the trophy.

He had sailed into a comfortable 19-9 lead at one stage only for Geoff to fight back with a hat-trick of threes that set up the tightest of finishes.

Athletic bowlers lose a thriller – but find a star

BARRY Athletic's PG1 bowlers were involved in a thriller against formidable Ely Valley in the season's home finale at Barry Island.

Although both teams were without established skips, the match proved to be one of the closest contests of the season.

The visitors snatched a 76-75 victory right at the death in an enthralling encounter.

Ely Valley, beaten finalists in the recent all-Wales Carruthers Shield and pushing for PG1 promotion, went home with 10 points, with Athletic collecting four.

Robert Horgan, fresh from his county and

national final appearances, skipped his rink to an impressive 25-14 win.

The highlight of the afternoon, played in autumnal conditions, was the performance of young Kristian Harris.

Switched to skip in recent matches, Kristian has displayed excellent form and, having gained invaluable experience playing third to Robert Horgan, is definitely a name to note for the future.

He skipped his rink of Clive Phillips, Bill Summerell and the inspirational Russell Evans, to a 20-17 success and should prove a great asset to Barry Athletic in future seasons.

The Athletic's senior

Vale's Rhian is pipped in 'Order of Merit'

TARA DAVIES (Holyhead) won the PING Ladies Order of merit for 2009 after holding off the season-long challenge of Rhian Wyn Thomas (Vale of Glamorgan).

Five Welsh players made the cut at the Ladies British Open Amateur Stroke Play at Royal Aberdeen.

Gemma Bradbury (Cottrell Park) was Wales' leading player, finishing in a tie for 15th after rounds of 78, 77, 79 and 79 to score 75.5 points.

Amy Boulden (Llandudno, Maesdu) finished in 21st place on 316 strokes and collected 61 points. The other Welsh qualifiers were Katherine O'Connor and Rhian Wyn Thomas, who tied for 38th, and Tara Davies who retired – all three collecting 50 points.

At the European Individual in Falsterbo, Sweden, Rhian Wyn Thomas tied for 32nd after rounds of 73, 79, 73 and 82 and collected 58 points.

The final standings after Royal Birkdale Scratch Trophy were:

Pos	Player	Club	Points
1	Tara Davies	Holyhead	706.83
2	Rhian Wyn Thomas	Vale of Glamorgan	664.33
3	Katherine O'Connor	Tadmarton Heath	340
5	Gemma Bradbury	Cottrell Park	256.75
12	Anna Carling	Vale of Glamorgan	27.5
13	Myriam Hassan	Southerdown	18

Ten men Barry Town edged out by Ton Pentre

AFTER a vital win attack and defence with Ian Jones and Zak Misbah giving the Ton Pentre defence plenty to trip to Ton Pentre.

Ton

whistle and the cheer from the Ton Pentre players and supporters showed how much of a scalp it was beating Barry.

Barry were nursing a few injuries and were missing several key players. Ton were one place below Barry in the table, so Barry knew they were in for a tough ride.

Barry coped very well early on with new signing Dan Clare impressing again.

After 20 minutes things were soon turned on their head when Barry's keeper Dan Bradley was sent off after being judged to have handled the ball outside the area.

Morgan Harris bravely stepped up and put the gloves on.

The resulting free kick was well saved by the stand in keeper, and Barry were glad to clear after a nervous few minutes.

With the extra man Ton were enjoying a good spell of possession and got their reward after 28 minutes, when a good cross came into the box and the ball bounced off Barry's right back Jason Davies and into the net.

Barry's best move of the match came in the 35th minute with some lovely neat passes resulting in a cross into the box, but James Simpson failed to convert with a header.

Shortly after Morgan Harris was called into action and he responded with a great save, punching the ball away.

Half-Time: Ton Pentre 1-0 Barry Town

Barry manager Gavin Chesterfield's team talk must have worked as Barry came out fighting and looked determined to equalise.

Barry were strong in

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